



March 24, 2005

Craig Gooch, Chairman
California Geographic Information Association
1700 Iowa Ave., Suite
Riverside, CA 92507

Dear Mr. Gooch,

As you may be aware, at its recent meeting in Bakersfield, the California GIS Council (Council) considered a number of issues and recommended actions relating to the California Geographic Information Association (CGIA). The Council is very interested in broadening its partnership with CGIA to further the appropriate use of GIS for the benefit of all Californian's.

Consequently, on behalf of the Council, I am requesting the CGIA act as the communications and outreach arm of the council, and as a partner to obtain and administer grants in support of our activities and initiatives. In addition, please be informed that the Council would also like to appoint a member to represent the Council on the CGIA. This person would participate in CGIA meetings and teleconferences with regional GIS collaboratives and report back on significant regional activities and initiatives.

We are very grateful for the work CGIA has done in communicating and promoting regional GIS collaboratives. The Council believes that the CGIA would be invaluable in expanding the role of these regional groups.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please work with John Ellison, Agency Technology Officer on these matters. John can be reached at (916) 653-2238 or john.ellison@resources.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mike Chrisman'.

Mike Chrisman, Chair
California GIS Council

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